PATENT APPLICATION

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In re the Application of

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For: CONTROL OF DISTRIBUTED PRINTING WITH MULTIPLE PRINTERS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

of

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Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 16, 18, 19, 23, 26, 27, 29, 30, 33, 37, 39, 48, 49-

51, 53, 57, 62, 64, 65, 68, 70-72, 74, 75, 78, 82-85, 88, 90-92, 94 and 95 as follows:

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4. (Amended) A distributed printing control apparatus in accordance with claim 1,

01 FC:1202 02 FC:1203 180.00 DA said distributed printing control apparatus further comprising: a virtual printer printing

information setting module that displays an input window on a display device and sets

various pieces of information required for printing with said virtual printer, based on input

data from an input device like a mouse and a keyboard.

6. (Amended) A distributed printing control apparatus in accordance with claim 4, said distributed printing control apparatus further comprising: a real printer printing information setting module that is individually provided for each of said plurality of printers

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